

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 239

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas in 2002, there were 22,291 domestic infant adoptions in the United States;

Whereas birthparents who decide to carry out an adoption plan come from all walks of life, with various backgrounds and socioeconomic status;

Whereas birthparents who carry out an adoption plan should be recognized and commended for doing what they believe is in the best interest of their child;

Whereas loving, nurturing adoptive families make it possible for birthparents to carry out an adoption plan;

Whereas adoptive families make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption and show the compassionate spirit of our Nation;

Whereas adoptive families should be recognized and commended for providing a permanent, safe, and loving home for a child;

Whereas studies have shown that adopted children form deep emotional bonds with their adoptive parents indistinguishable from those biological children form with their parents;

Whereas adopted children grow up to make valuable contributions to our Nation and lead fulfilling lives;

Whereas adopted children should be recognized and commended for understanding that the choice of the birthparents to carry out an adoption plan may be a difficult and carefully considered decision made out of love for a child; and

Whereas Congress should do more to support adoption, including birthparents who carry out an adoption plan, adoptive families, and adopted children: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That Congress recognizes and acknowledges
- 3 the important role of adoption, and commends all parties

- 1 involved, including birthparents who carry out an adoption
- 2 plan, adoptive families, and adopted children.

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Passed the House of Representatives September 26,
2008.

Attest:

Clerk.

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